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EFFORTS TO BUY INDONESIAN OIL

REF: A) JAKARTA 4075; B) JAKARTA 3957 (NOTAL)

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1. AS POSTSCRIPT TO INTERESTING COMMENTS ON SOVIET-
INDONESIAN TRADE AGREEMENT BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO INDONESIA
KUZNETSOV (REF A) WE NOTE THAT HE APPARENTLY FAILED TO
MENTION SOVIET LACK OF SUCCESS IN GETTING ANY INDONESIAN
OIL.

2. WE RECEIVED FIRST REPORT OF SOVIET EFFORTS TO HAVE OIL
ADDED TO LIST OF INDONESIAN EXPORTS IN MID-FEBRUARY (REF C)
AND SUBJECT WAS MENTIONED AGAIN BY INDONESIAN AMBASSADOR
DRUSMAN IN RECENT CONVERSATION WITH MINISTER-COUNSELOR.
DRUSMAN CONFIRMED THAT PERSISTENCE OF SOVIET REQUEST HAD
CAUSED DELAY IN NEGOTIATIONS, INDONESIANS REFUSING TO AGREE
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BECAUSE OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

3. IT IS INTERESTING AND ALSO UNDERSTANDABLE THAT KUZNETSOV DID NOT WANT TO BRING THIS POINT UP, ALTHOUGH HE DID MENTION SOVIET INABILITY TO MEET INDONESIAN REQUESTS FOR SOVIET METALS, CEMENT AND FERTILIZER. FACT THAT USSR, WHICH HAS SOME OF LARGEST OIL RESERVES IN THE WORLD, SHOULD BE TRYING TO OBTAIN SMALL AMOUNT OF CRUDE FROM INDONESIA IS, IN OUR OPINION, ONE MORE INDICATION OF CQMRENT SQUEEZE IN SOVIET ENERGY SUPPLY. IT IS ALSO IN LINE WITH RECENT SOVIET ATTEMPTS TO PURCHASE MORE OIL FROM IRAQ AND OTMGR MIDDLE EASTERN COUNTRIES.
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